Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A motorized wood working tool comprising:

a base provided with a metal table top having a generally planar workpiece support surface with an opening formed therein;

a motor; and

a cutting element driven by the motor and oriented to extend through the opening in the workpiece support surface of the table top,

wherein a surface layer is applied directly to the workpiece support surface of the metal table to create a low friction surface ~~for cooperating with~~ directly between the workpiece support surface and a workpiece placed thereon ~~for sliding contact relative to the surface layer~~ enabling the workpiece to be freely moved relative to the cutting element during cutting.

2. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 1 wherein the tool comprises a circular table saw.

3. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 1 wherein the tool comprises a scroll saw.

4. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 1 wherein the tool comprises a band saw.

5. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 1 wherein the metal table top is formed of a metal casting to which the surface layer is applied.

6. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 5 wherein the metal casting of the metal table top comprises cast iron.

7. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 5 wherein the metal casting of the metal table top comprises an aluminum die casting.

8. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 1 wherein the surface layer applied to the workpiece support surface is a plastic laminate.

9. (Original) The motorized wood working tool of claim 8 wherein the plastic laminate comprises formica.

10. (Currently Amended) A table saw comprising:

a base provided with a cast metal table top and a general planar ~~work~~ workpiece support surface with an opening formed therethrough;

a motor; and

a circular saw blade operatively driven by the motor in a rotary fashion, the saw blade extending through the opening formed in the generally planar ~~work~~ workpiece support surface to cut a workpiece placed thereon and moved relative to the circular saw blade,

wherein a plastic laminate is applied directly to the workpiece support surface of the cast metal table top to create a low friction surface for cooperating with a workpiece placed thereon for sliding contact relative to the plastic laminate during cutting, enabling the workpiece to move freely across the table top.

11. (Original) The table saw of claim 10 wherein the cast metal table top comprises a cast iron table top to which the plastic laminate is applied.

12. (Original) The table saw of claim 10 wherein the plastic laminate comprises formica.

13. (Currently Amended) A scroll saw comprising:

a base provided with a cast metal table top having a generally planar ~~work~~ workpiece support surface with an opening formed therethrough;

a motor; and

a pair of spaced apart blade holders for supporting a blade therebetween, operatively driven by the motor in a reciprocal manner or wherein a blade spanning between the blade holders passes through the opening in the table top,

wherein a plastic laminate is applied directly to the workpiece support surface of the cast metal table top to create a low friction surface for cooperating with a workpiece placed thereon for sliding contact relative to the plastic laminate during cutting, enabling the workpiece to be freely moved relative to the blade.

14. (Original) The scroll saw of claim 13 wherein the cast metal table top comprises a die cast aluminum table top to which the plastic laminate is applied.

15. (Original) The scroll saw of claim 13 wherein the plastic laminate comprises formica.

16. (Currently Amended) A band saw comprising;

a base provided with a metal tabletop having a generally planer workpiece support surface with an opening formed therein;

a motor;

a pair of wheels lying in a common plane, one positioned above and one positioned below the table top wherein one of the wheels is operatively driven by the motor; and

an endless loop cutting blade entrained about the wheels and passing through the opening in the table top,

wherein a plastic laminate is applied directly to the workpiece support surface of the cast metal table top to create a low friction surface for cooperating with a workpiece placed thereon for sliding contact relative to the plastic laminate during cutting, enabling the workpiece to move freely relative to the endless loop cutting blade.

17. (Original) The band saw of claim 16 wherein the cast metal table top

comprises a die cast aluminum table top to which the plastic laminate is applied.

18. (Original) The band saw of claim 16 wherein the plastic laminate comprises formica.